

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. South Vietnam

a. Khanh continues to give ground before the young generals who saved his skin on 13 September.

b. Besides getting rid of Khiem, he has accepted the resignation or agreed to send abroad several other officers who have been black-balled by the young generals. In return the latter are supposed to have pledged him their support. 50X1

c. So far Khanh has proceeded cautiously in the case of the Rhade tribesmen. [redacted] 50X1

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d. Minh, according to Ambassador Taylor, is optimistic about the prospects for formation of a civilian government. For once he is really pitching in and doing his part.

e. Only a month remains, however, before Khanh must step down, if indeed he lasts that long.

2. North Vietnam

a. A new wave of infiltration into South Vietnam by North Vietnamese military forces may be under way.

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b. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] perhaps as many as three North Vietnamese battalion-size units with heavy weapons moving southward through the infiltration corridor in late August and early September.

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3. Communist  
China - Africa

a. Communist China has been assiduously courting new African states with traveling circuses, acrobatic troupes, and hard-headed offers of cash in return for recognition.

b. Senegal and the Central African Republic have succumbed. Dahomey and Cameroon may soon follow.

c. These successes of course will affect the representation vote in the upcoming General Assembly. The Chinese probably calculate, as do others, that the shift of a few votes could give them a bare majority in a straight vote.

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d. This would not get Peiping into the UN, but it might provoke Chiang into pulling out.

#### 4. Cyprus

a. The Greek Cypriots claim they have signed an arms agreement with Moscow.

b. Moscow has not yet commented, but an official communiqué is due later today. The Soviets may have agreed to give Makarios a limited amount of hardware.

c. If so, the agreement will be yet another point of friction between Makarios and Athens.

d. The problem of rotating troops of the Turkish contingent on Cyprus is heating up again. The arrangements which UN officials glued together late last week have come unstuck, with Turkey refusing to link the rotation with the opening of the Nicosia-Kyrenia road.

e. Officials in Ankara say their patience is at an end. They suggest that the rotation may be attempted next week.

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5. Communist China

a. The Peiping regime's 15th anniversary today has so far been an uneventful, almost humdrum affair marking one more mile post in the long road back from the follies of the Great Leap Forward.

b. Spokesmen for the regime passed out the usual bouquets for Mao Tse-tung, made ritual references to how well things are going at home and abroad, and rained the normal amount of abuse on the US. 50X1



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- A. Honduras The Hondurans may be about to pounce on another group of US fishing boats.

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- B. Libya With the death of security chief Bu Quwaitin, King Idris loses one of the major props of his regime. His departure will add to the regime's difficulties in dealing with the ferment which has followed the arrest, just before next week's election, of a large batch of antiregime and pro-Egyptian figures.

- C. USSR Khrushchev has left Moscow for what is expected to be a month's vacation near the Black Sea.

- D. Ecuador The ruling junta has fired the ruling elders of Guayaquil and put a naval captain in charge of the turbulent city. This will only exacerbate local hostility toward Quito. Further disturbances are possible on 9 October, when Guayaquil celebrates independence.

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- F. Congo Belgians with interests in the Congo have concluded that they cannot do business with the rebels. This opens the way for Brussels to take a stronger hand in helping Tshombé keep peace and order. There is no change in the military picture.
- G. Great Britain Embassy London notes that a strike in the automobile industry and a bitter dock dispute are not helping Labor's chances.
- H. Bolivia Though the Bolivian Government got through the De Gaulle visit without incident, the security situation is still poor. The miners have been mobilizing their militia, expecting the government forces will soon move into their area. Banditry has now broken out in the northeast provinces, and guerrilla bands are operating elsewhere along the Brazilian border.

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**USSR-China**

a. [redacted]  
the [redacted] Mission [redacted] has now  
been examined. It shows signifi-  
cant activity at Tyuratam [redacted]  
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b. A large gantry had been moved forward to enclose the large, 130-foot missile which showed up in the first package four days earlier. This suggests a flight test of this vehicle will come soon.

c. Also, we saw ICBMs of three types being prepared for firing at Tyuratam, the largest number ever seen at one time. Their measurements conform generally to our earlier estimates. All three were apparently fired several days later.

d. [redacted] we have acquired since early June cloud-free photography of 16 of the 18 old ICBM complexes. No further single silo construction of the type being put in at the old complex at Olovyanaya have been seen. In this period, however, we have found five new complexes using single silos.

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